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ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC)
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File No. APIC-736/2025(Appeal)

Shri Ngwazosa Yobin,
Miao, Kali Mandir Changlang District A.P
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Appellant

versus

PIO,
O/o the Deputy Director of Secondary
Education (DDSE) Changlang, Changlang
District A.P.
Pin code: 792120

Respondent

ORDER

Date of Hearing: 16.02.2026
Date of Decision: 16.02.2026

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER : Dani Gamboo
Relevant facts emerging from appeal.
RTI application filed on :
17.04.2025
SPIO replied on : 03.09.2025
First appeal filed on : 26.05.2025
First Appellate Authority's Order : Not on record
Second Appeal filed on : 26.09.2025

Information sought:

The appellant filed an RTI application dated 17.04.2025 seeking following information regarding Shri Cheyose Nawazah, Teacher, Govt.middle school Gandhi Gray, Vijayanagar circle Changlang

Details of information required: -

- 1.Furnished advertisement of the job vacancies from APPSC in newspapers, government Websites and employment exchanges.
- 2.The recruitment notification issued by the APPSC on the job hold by shot Cheysoe Ngazah
- 3.The selection process (preliminary exam, main exam and interview) with formal notification or orders.

4. Certified marksheets of all the qualified candidates along with Shri. Chaysoe Ngazah appeared at the same time.
5. The appointment letter of Shri Chayose Ngwazah.
6. Monthly salary and allowances.
7. And job card.

The following were present.

Appellant : Absent. Shri Kaling Mibang (Adv) has represented the appellant. He states that the PIO has denied to furnish information except serial no. 5 (appointment order) of the RTI application. He has requested the PIO to provide him the information in serial no. (6) i.e. monthly salary and allowances. He has requested PIO to reconstruct the information sought by him.

Respondent PIO : Absent. Shri Linko Tara (APIO) has represented the PIO. He states that most of the information have been burnt during 2019 fire accident at DDSE office, Changlang. He also states that whatever information is available in the office has been already provided to the appellant, that too was collected from the concerned official.

Decision:

The Commission after adverting to the facts and circumstances of the case, and perusal of the records and hearing the parties, observes that:

Whereas, the Director of Elementary Education, Govt. of AP as First Appellate Authority has issued summon notice to PIO and the appellant for hearing in his office on 22nd August 2025 at 1100 Hrs, but the judgement order is not on record. Both the representative of PIO and the Appellant could not produce copy of any order issued by the FAA pursuant to his summon notice.

Whereas, the PIO has already furnished reply to RTI query at serial numbers 1,2,3,4,5, and 7 of RTI application in form A on 2nd August 2025 through his letter memo no. ED/ESTT/RTI/2024/1741.

Whereas, the information sought at serial (6) of the RTI application dated 17.04.2025 is pertaining to the monthly salary and allowances of Shri Cheyose Nawazah, Teacher, Government Middle School GandhiGram, Vijayanagar Circle, Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

Whereas, the PIO has denied the information sought under serial no. 6 - Pay and allowances of Shri Cheyose Nawazah, Teacher Govt. Middle School, Gandhigram, Vijaynagar Circle, Changlang District stating that pay and allowances of an employee relates to personal information and its disclosure has no relationship to any public activity as per Sub-Section (J) of Section 8 (1), of RTI Act, 2005.

Whereas, Shri Cheyose Nawazah, as a third Party, has written to the PIO dated 28.8.2025 requesting not to disclose his monthly salary and allowances to the RTI applicant citing exemption of disclosure of such information under Section 8(1) (j) of RTI Act,2005.

Whereas, the commission observes that the PIO has, without application of his mind, incorrectly denied information to the appellant and mechanically forwarded the letter dated 28.8.2025 received from Shri Cheyose Nawazah, Teacher, refusing to disclose his salary particulars to the appellant. The commission further observes that salary of a public officer is paid from the Govt, ex-chequer and every citizen/tax payer of this country have a right to know the pay and emoluments of a public official. The commission's decision in the case of Dr. Dheeraj Kapoor vs. Directorate of Health Services GNCTD, Delhi (File.No.CIC/SA/A/2014/000494, decision dated 31.10.2014) explaining the right to information of salary is relevant in this regard:

"8. Amount of salary and the details of pay scale of public servant can be part of voluntarily disclosable information under Section 4(1)(b), whereas deductions, personal loans, details of net or gross salary paid for a particular month, or seeking a salary slip (payment voucher) and residential addresses are not disclosable, unless larger public interest is involved. If an RTI application is filed for that information, the larger public interest has to be examined by the PIOs, Appellate Authorities and the Commission.

12. The information about salary which is not part of 'scale' is not public information. The information for instance, about deduction of instalment for personal loan, payments or saving made by public servant, expenditure details etc is his personal information."

In the decision of Central Information Commission in the case of Smti. Soma Majumdar vs Eastern Coalfields Limited (File No. CIC/AT/A/2009/000327, dated 17th July 2009), is worth nothing in that regard:

"4. It is seen that the information requested by the appellant is the disclosure of the routine information regarding the salary of an employee of a public authority which is even otherwise disclosable under Section 4(1) of the RTI Act and as per the decision of the Commission in K. C. George Vs. CMFRI; Appeal No. CIC/AT/A/2009/00032; Date of Decision: 13.05.2009. However,

what is not disclosable is any details in the salary slip of the employee regarding how much he was contributing towards Provident Fund or other voluntary contributions made by him from his salary account. While these items can be withheld, it would be wholly incorrect to withhold from disclosure information regarding an employee's salary at any given point of time, including the allowances payable. Such information cannot be withheld on the ground that it was personal income of an employee. A charge on the budget of the public authority towards payment of salary to an individual employee is not a personal matter between the employer and employee. It is an information which is disclosable since it is an account of what an employee or a class of employee receives by way of pay from the employer. There is no reason why such information should be withheld from disclosure."

In view of the above, the Commission directs the PIO to give only the total emoluments in the salary slip of Shri Cheyose Nawazah, Teacher Govt. Middle School, Gandhigram, Vijaynagar Circle, Changlang District, for the period as sought by the appellant in her RTI application and block the deductions claimed, to the appellant, within one week from the date of receipt of this order.

The appeal case is disposed of accordingly at this commission.

Sd/-
(Dani Gamboo)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

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Registrar / Dy. Registrar
APIC

Memo No. APIC-736/2025/ *719*
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Dated Itanagar the *27* February' 2026.

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